

R.E. BATGER



R.E Batger office

Furniture manufacturer Serious about sustainability

Business sustainability

R.E Batger (www.rebatger.com.au) is committed to maintaining and enhancing its reputation for cost effective and efficient manufacturing and supply processes that minimises the impact of its activities on the environment.

On its website, the company commits to a number of initiatives, including minimising waste by evaluating its operations and ensuring they are as efficient as possible within its financial constraints, ensuring that pollution is prevented by reducing all harmful releases, discharging waste and reducing energy consumption, and

striving towards gaining an accredited program to offset the greenhouse footprint generated by its activities.

The organisation operates a management program that meets the requirements of the Environmental System Standard ISO 14001:2004 and any subsequent updates together with all applicable legal and other regularly requirements.

The company also commits to raising awareness with its staff of environmental issues and enlisting their support in improving the company's environmental objectives and targets.

Outcomes

R.E. Batger has implemented an Environmental Policy Statement, which appears on its website.

Everyone in the organisation has the authority and responsibility to ensure that the environmental requirements are achieved and maintained, thus contributing to an increase in environmental protection and enhancement of techniques.

In March 2010 the organisation obtained certification in Environmental Management Systems, which will be inserted into its letterhead.

Lessons learned

The employees at R.E.Batger are more aware of environmental issues and they participate in the recycling process going in the company's factories.

They have found the process of obtaining certification to be achievable and would recommend to other companies the opportunity to obtain this certification.



“Our employees are more aware of environmental issues, as they participate in the recycling process.”

Wendy Griffith, Company Secretary

Future actions

Over the next 6-12 months the organisation will be again tested for certification. There are a few issues that the company has identified that need to be addressed in order to obtain a fully positive outcome from that assessment.

The company will be working to implement improvements in the areas of electricity, gas and water usage.

Business background

R.E.Batger Pty Ltd is a medium sized business employing 55 staff responsible for the manufacture and supply of high quality furniture to schools and offices across Australia. It has been operating for over 50 years.

The South Granville main complex houses the office, showroom, upholstery, woodwork and assembly. In the last ten years the company has undergone an extensive modernisation of its plant and equipment to incorporate the very latest in computer controlled woodwork and steelwork machines.